

NORTHERN NEVADA ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: OPTIONAL TOOLS FOR CONSUMER ASSESSMENT

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I. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this directive is to outline the procedures for use of the following optional assessment tools:
 - a. Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview for Bipolar Disorder Studies (M.I.N.I. Tracking MR 231)
 - b. Mood Disorder Questionnaire (MR 229)
 - c. Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptomatology (MR 230)

II. POLICY

It is the policy of Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) to allow the use of the above assessment tools if needed by physicians and mid-level medical practitioners in developing diagnoses and treatment plans.

III. PROCEDURE

1. These assessment tools are self administered. Staff will provide the assessment tools to consumers for completion at the request of the physician or mid-level practitioner.
2. The assessment tools can be used individually or in conjunction with each other.
3. A consumer's refusal to complete these voluntary assessment tools shall not result in the consumer being refused services.
4. The physician or mid-level medical practitioner requesting the assessment tools will review the completed assessment tool and interpret the results. This interpretation will be used to inform the practitioner's diagnosis and treatment plan for the consumer.
5. These tools may be used for initial assessment and/or reassessment. They can be repeated at the discretion of the treating clinician.
6. Physicians or mid-level practitioner will discuss results with the consumer and other treating clinicians as appropriate.
7. The completed assessment tools will be maintained in the assessments section of the medical record.
8. Additional optional assessment tools can be added by having them approved through appropriate clinical committee.